

## About The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission

The mission of the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) is to provide a safe, effective, and consumer-friendly medical cannabis program for qualifying patients.

### Maryland Medical Cannabis License Types

- Grower: A business that grows cannabis in a commercial facility.
- Processor: A business responsible for taking the raw cannabis plant and creating entirely new products, including concentrates, topicals and edibles.
- Dispensary: A business that sells cannabis for medicinal uses to patients and caregivers.

# Other MMCC Registration Types

- Independent Testing Laboratories
- Security Guard Agencies
- Secure Transportation Companies
- Waste Disposal Companies

# Bureau of Enforcement and Compliance Responsibilities

- Enforces Title 10, Subtitle 62 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR).
- Provides information and education to law enforcement agencies and state's attorney's office.
- Completes background investigations on cannabis license owners and employees.
- Conducts at least two annual inspections of facilities (growers, processors, dispensaries, and independent testing laboratories), where investigators:
  - Conduct plant counts.
  - Review and monitor inventory.
  - Ensure proper labeling for patient safety.
  - Seize evidence if necessary.
- Investigates complaints of:
  - Diversion (transferring medical cannabis from the certified patient to another person).
  - Adverse effects (an undesired effect resulting from medical cannabis).
  - Dispensary sales errors.
  - Certifying provider complaints.
  - Any incident considered hazardous to patient health.
- Reviews and processes licensees requests to:
  - Transfer ownership interests in licenses.
  - Change locations.
  - Enter into management agreements.
- Ensures compliance with mandatory reporting requirements.



### **Types of Enforcement**

The MMCC Bureau of Enforcement and Compliance documents findings and takes enforcement action, if necessary, in the following ways:

- Letters of Compliance
- Letters of Education
- Letters of Non-Compliance
- Case Resolution Conference
- Administrative Hearings
- Formal court appearances

#### What is LEGAL?

- Patients may obtain up to 120 grams of cannabis every 30 days. Patients are allowed up to 36 grams of THC (the active ingredient in cannabis) a month. A certifying provider may increase or decrease this amount, based on their professional judgment.
- Certified Patients and Caregivers may travel within Maryland with medical cannabis. The MMCC emphasizes that all patients be aware of current laws relating to transporting medical cannabis outside of the state, as it remains a federal offense.
- Only State-approved cultivators are permitted to grow medical cannabis in Maryland.
- Driving under the influence of medical cannabis in Maryland is illegal. Patients are not exempt from civil or criminal penalties. It's never worth it to drive under the influence – always make plans to have a designated driver if you are going to consume cannabis.

#### What is ILLEGAL?

- Possessing or consuming cannabis on any federal property.
- Home cultivation.
- Possession of cannabis from another state (i.e. DC).
- Transporting medical cannabis outside of Maryland.
- Transferring any amount of cannabis to another person (diversion).
- Operating a vehicle or boat under the influence of cannabis.
- Smoking or otherwise consuming cannabis in a public space or in a dispensary.
- Smoking medical cannabis on private property that:

   (a) Is rented from a landlord, and (b) Is subject to a policy that prohibits the smoking of cannabis on the property.

### What happens during a traffic stop by Law Enforcement?

Patients do not have to disclose that they possess medical cannabis and do not have to consent to a search. However, if a search is conducted and medical cannabis is found, the patient should present their MMCC-issued ID number or MMCC ID card so law enforcement can search the MMCC database to verify that cannabis is possessed legally.

For more information, visit mmcc.maryland.gov